

Application No. 10/688,315
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0003] at page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0003] An advantage of the present invention is an apparatus which can allow a user to take out a contact lens from its keeping container without touching the contact lens with fingers and without forming any water drop at a through hole.

Please replace paragraph [0004] at page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0004] In one embodiment, the present invention provides an apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping container without contacting the contact lens with fingers, characterized by that it comprises: a handle portion which can be gripped by fingers, a connection portion formed in unity with said handle portion, and a contact lens attaching portion having a hemisphere-like shape in which its upper face is concave and its bottom face is convex and having a through hole formed by cutting out the center of the hemisphere in a circle so that a contact lens can be attached thereon, wherein said contact lens attaching portion is attached to the concave face of said contact lens to take out the contact lens from said keeping or disinfecting container.

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Please delete paragraph [0006].

~~{0006} — According to other embodiment of the present invention, the apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping container is characterized in that it is formed with a soft synthetic resin.~~

Please replace paragraph [0014] at page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0014] The present invention is designed to enable for a person to take out a contact lens (50) by using the apparatus (10) from its keeping or ~~disinfection~~ disinfecting container (60) without touching with fingers as illustrated in Figure 3.

Please replace paragraph [0022] at page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0022] As illustrated above, a contact lens can be easily taken out from a keeping or disinfecting container without touching with fingers by using an apparatus of the present invention for taking out a contact lens from its keeping container, and the open portion (46) can suppress of the formation of any water drop at the through hole, by which there is no trouble that it is unrecognized as a contact lens.

Please replace the Abstract at page 5, with the following rewritten Abstract:

An apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping or disinfecting container without contacting the contact lens with fingers, comprised of ~~which comprises~~ a handle portion which can be gripped by fingers, a connection portion formed in unity with the handle portion, and a contact lens attaching portion having a hemisphere-like shape in which its upper face is concave and its bottom face is convex and having a through hole formed by cutting out the center of the hemisphere in a circle so that a contact lens can be attached thereon, wherein the contact lens attaching portion (40) is attached to the concave face of said contact lens (50) to take out the contact lens from the keeping or disinfecting container, and wherein the contact lens attaching portion has an open portion of a suitable width at a side of the hemisphere having a through hole.